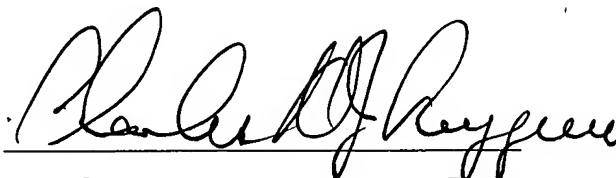


REMARKS

Claims 18 through 34 are pending in this application. Claims 1 through 17 have been cancelled. A separate, clean sheet for the Abstract of the Disclosure has been provided.

It is submitted that pending claims 18 through 34 are allowable. It is respectfully urged that this application be passed to allowance.

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Please replace the Abstract with the following:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A drive unit for a motor vehicle with a cooling system is provided. The drive unit has a hydrodynamic retarder with a rotor vane wheel and a stator vane wheel. The hydrodynamic retarder is arranged in the vehicle cooling circuit and the working medium of the retarder is also the vehicle cooling medium. The retarder can empty a residual liquid quantity against the outside pressure created by the cooling system.